

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2007 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing Amendments and the following comments, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-52 were previously pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 12, 15-21, 25, 28-34, 40 and 42-46 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 13, 22, 26, 35, 41, 47 and 48 are amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to claim 48 because of an informality. Claim 48 has been amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 12, 15-21, 25, 28-34, 40 and 42-46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Choi et al. (US 2002/0188723). Claims 7-11, 13-14, 22-24, 26-27, 35-39, 41 and 47-52 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant does not concur with the rejection and expressly reserves the right to file the rejected claims in a continuation application. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended the claims in order to advance the application to allowance. Allowable claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 7 and to incorporate the limitations of claim 12. Accordingly, claims 7-11 and 13-14 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 22 and to incorporate the limitations of claim 25. Accordingly, claims 22-24, 26 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 41 has been amended to depend from claim 35 and to incorporate the limitations of claim 40. Accordingly, claims 35-39 and 41 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 47 has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 47-52 are in condition for allowance.

Based upon the above discussion, claims 7-11, 13-14, 22-24, 26-27, 35-39, 41 and 47-52 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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